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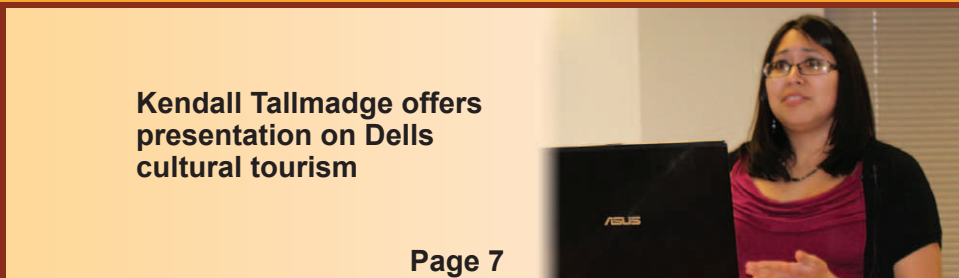
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# Little Eagle Arts Foundation to help develop area artists



Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

There soon will be a program in the Wisconsin Dells area dedicated to Native American art.

It's called the Little Eagle Arts Foundation, or LEAF for short, and it will help to open the doors for Native American artists.



**Melanie Sainz will be working to develop the Little Eagle Arts Foundation, an organization that will provide a helping hand to Native American artists.**

At the heart of the effort is Melanie Sainz, who was born and raised in Wisconsin and is an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. She is the second daughter of Roger and Bernadine Tallmadge, who owned and operated the Winnebago Public Indian Museum in Wisconsin Dells for more than 50 years.

"I'm the product of two wonderful and very successful native entrepreneurs," Sainz said. "I went off to college, received my degrees and have worked as an art educator for the past 30 years. I retired two years ago to achieve a dream that I've had in terms of reopening the museum, not necessarily as an archeological museum like my parents, but more of an arts center."

The effort is intended to preserve and maintain the cultural type fine arts as native people, particularly Ho-Chunk people, but also to promote arts as an economic stimulus in the Dells area, she said.

Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting American Indian art by cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit of American Indian/First Nations artists in order to achieve success and break the cycle of poverty and promote a cycle of economic security in Indian Country, according to its mission statement.

"The reason why we're starting in Wisconsin Dells obviously is because we have our 'footprint' there already, the property on which my folks had the museum, as well as the arts collection that they have accumulated over their 50 years, collections that have been donated to LEAF," Sainz said. "This is really homage to my parents who began this more than 50 years ago."

Sainz is an "Artist in Residence" in Arizona who will be returning to Wisconsin Dells this week and spending April involved in imple-

mentation of her plans for LEAF.

"We will start this summer by holding a variety of workshops and art classes working in partnerships in locations in Wisconsin Dells area, like the library and the historical society and the H.H. Bennett Studio," Sainz said. "We also will be having several open-air Indian markets there on the property on River Road where the museum used to be."

The Leaf project will be an incubator for new and emerging native artists, providing them with entrepreneurial training, and an opportunity and place to show their art as well as a professional studio in which they can create their art.

The former Winnebago Public Indian Museum is located four miles north of Wisconsin Dells off Highway 13 on River Road.

"Dad had artists demonstrating at the museum," she said. "He hosted a regional woodworking show with Indian and non-Indian woodworkers. They would gather and share their work. Dad had one of the largest personal collections of stone artifacts and cultural art forms, such as clothing and diverse art forms - things that were used as part of our culture, mostly from Ho-Chunk or Great Lakes area Native Americans."

All the items in his former collection have been put into storage and will be brought out for display again in the part of the building that Sainz intends to preserve.

"That is the original footprint of the museum and we want to maintain that as a gallery. That property has been donated to the organization," she said. "The building has been closed for a little over 10 years."

In three years or so, the organization would like to build a new facility. At that time there will be a capital campaign to raise the needed funds. Until that happens, Sainz intends to use her home in Wisconsin Dells as



**The Winnebago Public Indian Museum was a key provider of cultural art forms in the Wisconsin Dells area, which was owned and operated by Roger and Bernadine Tallmadge.**

a temporary office.

"It's not just for Ho-Chunk people," she said. "First of all, we're going to establish LEAF in a so-called rural community and that will be Wisconsin Dells. Then, in three years, we're going to start another LEAF but in Phoenix, Arizona, which is the sixth-largest city in United States."

"So it's going to be in an urban community and the Board and I feel that, once we've been established and successful, with LEAF affiliate in an urban and then in a rural community, then if there's a group of natives in Reindeer, Montana, want to create a similar thing to what we have in terms of the Dells and Phoenix, then we can kind of package the whole concept of LEAF as an organization. We can go up there and consult with them and help them to create a LEAF affiliate," she said.

Throughout her 30 years as an arts educator, she has always worked with non-profit organizations. She has worked at the Heard Museum and had an array of experiences.

"That's why I thought that founding LEAF and providing a community non-profit organization that's based around the arts would be the most effective within the Dells community," she said.

And the type of art produced by Native Americans

will not be stagnant.

"We're not a freeze-dried culture, as people think we are. We've adapted and we are educated people. Some of us are educated in art and our backgrounds are in secondary or post-secondary education. And some of us are educated through what we received from family members and mentors. And all of that will be involved with through LEAF," she said, who noted her degrees are in ceramics and art education.

"The Ho-Chunk people are part of the upper Mississippian cultures and ceramics has been done by Native American peoples across the contiguous 48 states. Every tribe at some point gave some form of

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# General Council Agency response to November 29, 2013, Article “General Council agrees on malfeasance definition Legislature doesn’t.”

Ho-Chunk General Council Agency (“GCA”) responds to the Hocak Worak November 29, 2013, Article “General Council agrees on ‘malfeasance’ definition, Legislature doesn’t.”

This article incorrectly states that GCA “overrode policy decisions voted on by General Council in resolution 9-28-13-12.” This resolution adopted by General Council defines malfeasance. Resolution 9-28-13-12 states a definition of malfeasance and standard of review for General Council to apply to removal actions. This resolution adopted by General Council does not ask for any action by the Legislature or General Council Agency. This resolution simply defines malfeasance.

General Council has exclusive authority to determine what this resolution means. GCA adheres to all decisions of General Council. Presumably, as this resolution is drafted General Council would decide if the charges presented at General Council meet the definition of malfeasance. This should not fundamentally change removal proceedings other than to incorporate a standard definition of malfeasance into the proceedings. General Council would still vote and make the ultimate determination as to whether or not to remove the President or other officials based on whether their conduct meets this definition. According to author of the resolution, she took the definition from the George Lewis Supreme Court Case, which defined malfeasance under Ho-Chunk law, and codified it through a General Council Resolution for General Council to apply in all future removal proceedings. GCA’s formal policy is to remain neutral during removal proceedings of elected officials. GCA does not advocate for or against any elected official subject to a removal proceeding. Ultimately, it is up to General Council to decide how to apply this resolution, what it actually means, and how it applies to removal proceedings.

GCA has an open door policy and is always open to discussing these issues in a constructive and respectful manner to avoid any misunderstandings. GCA encourages all tribal citizens to attend General Council Agency meetings. The meetings are open to the public. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming General Council meeting.

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# Lobbyists and Corporations 2; Voters 0

Submitted by WI State Senator Kathleen Vinehout

Should it be easier for lobbyists to contribute to campaigns? Should corporations spend more money to ask their employees to make campaign contributions? Should Wisconsin limit early voting? Is there any lawmaker who has citizens clamoring for any of the above?

Recently the Senate spent two days debating bills that open the window for lobbyists to contribute to campaigns and closes the window for voters to cast early ballots.

If the bills become law, lobbyists can contribute as early as April 15th [in the year preceding an election] and voters will be limited to just 10 weekdays of early voting.

This is the second attempt in recent years to limit early voting. In 2011, majority party members voted to limit early voting from three weeks with three weekends to two weeks with just one weekend.

In the new bill, early voting would be limited to the hours between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. But clerks would be limited to only 45 weekday hours during this time period. Many cities, like Eau Claire, would be required by state law to cut back on the hours they now offer to voters.

Proponents of the bill blamed rural areas for the cut back in city hours. Senator Fitzgerald told the Senate his constituents complained because they saw Milwaukee citizens voting during a time “not available to people in rural areas.”

What he failed to mention, and I pointed out to all Senators, is the bill he touted as making things more equivalent for rural and urban voters now bans the often-used rural practice of voting by appointment on a weekend.

Some of my neighbors work in Winona, Minnesota. Some drive a truck for a living. Some work two jobs in Eau Claire – an hour away. Others work in Minneapolis – a full two hours away. I work in Madison far from my home in beautiful Buffalo County. Many of my neighbors and I vote on the weekend or in the evening at our town clerk’s kitchen table.

To say voters cannot make weekend arrangements with rural clerks – who also may work many miles from home – is to make voting very difficult for rural folks who work away from home.

And working long hours away from home isn’t limited to rural voters.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel editorialized about the argument that this bill just leveled the playing field between urban and rural voters: *[T]hat’s a thin veneer covering the real intent: what this bill really is all about is suppressing the Democratic vote in Milwaukee and Madison, where many of the state’s people of color live. It’s a highly*

*partisan bill that harkens back to an earlier era when voting for certain groups of people was made much harder by strict poll laws. On that basis alone, Gov. Scott Walker should veto the bill.*

While a majority of Senators were voting to limit both rural and urban voters, they were also making it easier for corporations to shake down their employees for campaign contributions.

In a bill now headed to the Assembly, a majority of senators voted to increase by 40 times the legal amount a corporation can spend to entice employees to contribute to a candidate. Candidate contributions by corporations are banned in Wisconsin. But chief executives get around the ban by asking spouses and employees to contribute. Under the bill, corporations will be able to spend up to \$20,000 to encourage employees to contribute to campaigns.

The basic problem with this practice is the power imbalance between an employee and the employer. Just like it’s hard to say ‘stop it’ to a sexually aggressive boss, it’s hard to say ‘no’ when the boss says, “Where’s your contribution? Everyone else has given.” Laws protect employees from sexual harassment by a boss. But asking employees to contribute to candidates is perfectly legal. Spending \$20,000 to do the asking may soon also be legal.

Limiting early voting, expanding corporations’ power in soliciting campaign donations and, making it easier for lobbyists to contribute have nothing to do with the Governor’s “focus like a laser on jobs”.

And finally on the topic of elections, remember to vote – early while you still can - in the spring election on April 1st.

# Senate Bill 632 is losing support

Submitted by Chris Danou, WI State Representative

Last week, I talked about Senate Bill 632 and how once again, the majority party in Madison seems to think they know what’s best for the communities they represent. Two weeks ago, Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazeltown) and Rep. Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) introduced Senate Bill 632 in an effort to “provide clarity” for the non-metallic mining industry.

This past October, these same two legislators introduced SB 349 in an attempt to limit local control regarding non-metallic mining regulations. They believe local officials are making things burdensome on non-metallic mining operations, so legislation at the state level is needed to “provide clarity” for the industry. In a last minute attempt to get something passed this session, they introduced SB 632 as a watered-down version of SB 349 that is more

subtle, but still limits local control. This is controversial because SB 632 dictates how individual communities regulate non-metallic mining in their own backyard.

There is serious opposition to SB 632 because it would make nearly all local ordinances invalid because the bill freezes in place public health, safety and welfare protections for a community as they relate to existing sand mines. As a result, local officials wouldn’t be able to write and enforce new ordinances on any permitted mine during the life of that permit, which could be for up to 25 years. Further, the bill also requires ordinances relating to approval of sand mines be separated from ordinances relating to the trucking of sand from the mine as well as the processing of the sand. Our community deserves better than this and needs to have the authority to make decisions on our own that are in the best interest of local residents.

With session winding down quickly, I have heard from local officials and constituents who have expressed great concern with SB 632. I have also heard from state-wide groups that represent local governments, including the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the Wisconsin Towns Association, who are opposed to the bill. It seems these concerns have been heard by legislators across the state and I am optimistic this bill will not become law before the session ends. The organized opposition to this bill is an excellent example of citizens having a direct line of communication with legislators to make sure those in control in Madison remember the importance of local control.

When local officials are against a bill, legislators, including those in the majority, should listen to their concerns and objections. After all, how

can local officials make decisions that best serve their communities if the Republicans in Madison continue to tie their hands? The people who live, work and play in a given community know better than anyone what is in their own best interest. That’s

why decisions that directly impact our communities are best made at the local level, and I’m glad to see members of the majority party are remembering the significance of local control.

## Beware of scam

Please be advised that there is a scam going around the country that has been affecting individuals in some of our areas.

In one recent instance a call was received from a local law enforcement agency and they are looking for a particular employee. The caller requested that the employee be given a message he/she needs to contact Officer Alfred Reed at State Investigations at 215-469-4908 because there is a complaint filed against them

and he/she needs to contact this person or a warrant will be issued. The contact name and or phone number may be the same or could be different from above. The subject of the call is often a debt collection.

This is something that is being investigated by several fraud agencies.

DO NOT disclose any employment or administrative details to the caller. The callers are threatening, persistent, and may seem convincing.



# Increase proposed for Indian Health Service budget

Submitted by Indian Health Service

President Obama’s proposed fiscal year 2015 budget authority for the Indian Health Service (IHS) includes a 4.5 percent increase. The proposed IHS budget appropriation request for fiscal year 2015 is \$4.6 billion, which represents a \$200 million increase over the fiscal year 2014 appropriation. Tribal consultation is fundamental to the IHS budget process, and the proposed budget incorporates tribal priorities and recommendations.

The budget request supports and expands the provision

of health care services and public health programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The request includes:

- An additional \$50 million to help obtain health care from the private sector through the Purchased/Referred Care program (formerly known as the Contract Health Services program). This program allows for the purchase of essential health care services that the IHS and tribes do not provide in their local facilities.

- An additional \$71 million to support staffing and operating costs at four new and expanded facilities.

- An additional \$30 million to fully fund the estimated amount of contract support costs for new and expanded contracts and compacts in fiscal year 2015. This will help tribes cover the cost of administrative functions for compacts or contracts established under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

- An additional \$31 million to address medical inflation costs.

- Additional funding to pay costs for new tribes and restoration of reductions in the fiscal year 2014 operating plan. Funding was also included

to complete construction on three health care facilities (the Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, Ariz.; the Northern California Youth Regional Treatment Center in Davis, Calif.; and the Ft. Yuma Health Center in Winterhaven, Calif.) and to continue construction on one facility (the Gila River Southeast Health Center in Chandler, Ariz.).

If the proposed budget is enacted, the IHS discretionary budget will have increased 38 percent since fiscal year 2008. The IHS fiscal year 2015 proposed budget is available online at <http://www.ihs.gov/budgetformulation/congressionaljustifications>.



Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, Ariz.

The IHS, an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members of federally recognized tribes.

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If interested contact Holly at 715-284-9851 x5330

### Class Schedule

Day	Time	Location
Monday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Monday April 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Tuesday April 22 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Tuesday April 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Thursday May 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Monday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Monday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Monday May 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am-12:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

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ceramics. But when we, as Ho-Chunk were exposed to copper, because there is copper all around, especially northern Wisconsin, the copper replaced the ceramics because copper didn’t break,” she said.

“Then, after 1634, when the Europeans came and brought cast iron, we didn’t have to use the malleable metal of copper and ceramics went away because cast iron skillets and other cookware was ideal for the purpose,” she said. “That is reflective of the adaptive life-ways of we as Ho-Chunk people had.”

Ceramics will be one of the forms of art taught and produced at the artists’ studio when it is up and running.

Sainz is a master of mixed media, including welding and working with steel. But she also creates ceramics, along with porcupine quill work, embroidery, and many other materials.

New and emerging artists in the program will be referred to as “LEAF Fellows.”

“There will have no discrepancy of whether they’re a traditional artist, focusing on traditional art forms, or a con-

temporary artist, focused on mixed media, sculpture, and paintings and drawings, both fine and folk art,” she said. “Native people work with all of that and more.”

The LEAF Board will be conducting collaborative programming with different organizations in the Dells area this summer. They are looking for people interested in doing demonstrations and interested in participating in open air market this summer.

They also are currently looking for artists, 18 and over, and are recruiting the first group of LEAF Fellows for this summer.

Anyone interested in becoming a LEAF Fellows, or would like more information about the program, are encouraged to contact them at [littleeaglearts@gmail.com](mailto:littleeaglearts@gmail.com) or Little Eagle Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 523 Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. The organization also has a Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/littleeaglearts](http://www.facebook.com/littleeaglearts).

“Wisconsin Dells is really hungry to bring back that sense of culture, values and traditions of the community,” Sainz said.



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# Legislative and President's Office honor Ona Garvin

Fiona Fay  
Staff Writer

The Legislature and President of the Ho-Chunk Nation have decreed by official resolution to honor the work and contributions of Legislative Chief Clerk, Ona Garvin. As Ona's position as Chief Clerk comes to an end, the Legislature and Office of the President gave Ona a special "Thank you" for everything she has accomplished for the Nation.

Her many years of service were observed during a Legislative meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at the Ho-Chunk Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Ona will leave the Nation with a memorable impression due to all the contributions she has made. Ona received a Pendleton from the Office of the President and also received a special citation in her honor, signed by President Jon Greendeer and Vice President, Heather Cloud.

Ona is a graduate of UW-Stevens Point, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Policy Analysis. Garvin has been dedicated to the Ho-Chunk Nation for many years, beginning when she was in high school and not only took the roll, but transcribed minutes for the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee (WWBC).

While Ona was a dedicated member of the WWBC, she served as Vice President and delegate to the Great

Lakes Intertribal Council, and was Executive Secretary for the National Congress of American Indians. Ona served on the Constitutional Reform Committee during the tribe's transition from the WWBC to the Ho-Chunk Nation, and was a helping hand in shaping the existing Constitution. Ona continued to serve the Nation as an all-around employee, using her skills as a fluent Ho-Chunk Language speaker to be a Cultural Consultant at the Niikuusra Community School, and her administrative skills to work in Contract Health and the Director of Gaming.

Throughout Ona's years of working for the Ho-Chunk Nation, she has many memories that will stay with her. Ona's favorite memory of all time is from when the WWBC was in the process of enrollment for the very first time, while everyone worked on a voluntary basis. Ona remembers when her Cuuwii, Lorraine Winneshie, brought all her paperwork for enrollment in a cardboard box and said "Hah! Here are my files!" Shortly after Lorraine, Amos Kingsley, Sr., proudly arrived with his paperwork neatly wrapped in a newspaper and held together in twine. As Ona continues her journey, she will never forget the memories she has made.

Ona would like to give special thanks to those people who have put in the work for her honorary observance: those in the Ho-Chunk Nation



Ona smiles with her Pendleton and Citation.

Legislature, Jim Webster, Libby Fairchild, Ken Lewis, Michael Murphy, and Robert Mann, Autumn White, and Rep David Greendeer and President Greendeer, who sang in her honor. Ona would also like to thank all of the guests that came to support and recognize her.

Ona had many thoughts running through her mind after her recognition: "I was completely surprised and overwhelmed," she said.

She also had a few words of advice for those who work for the Ho-Chunk Nation; "We are all Ho-Chunk, let's work together for all. Let's build on our strengths. Keep encouraging education, care for the young, the families and the elders." Ona said. "I am proud to be a Ho-Chunk tribal member, and I will always be doing something that benefits the Ho-Chunk people."

## Ho-Chunk, Inc. subsidiary awarded \$2.3 million federal contract

Submitted by Patrick Foley,  
Blue Earth Marketing

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$2.3 million federal contract to a company in its Flatwater Group division. All Native Solutions was recently awarded a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide furniture, fixtures, equipment and related services to the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

All Native Solutions will provide project management,

procurement, delivery and installation services to the 65,000 square foot academic building. This contract includes classrooms and offices; multi-purpose science laboratories; a computer laboratory; media center; two records vaults and a teacher's lounge.

Additionally, the company will provide furniture, fixtures and equipment for the two 94,000 square foot dormitory buildings. This will include over 100 dorm rooms; living and activity rooms; offices;

conference rooms as well as exercise equipment for the gymnasium. The contract has a scheduled completion date of September 30th, 2014.

"We're very proud of All Native Solutions for this contract award," stated Lance Morgan, President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc. "This is a great opportunity to assist the Bureau of Indian Affairs in making the new Riverside Indian School buildings a great atmosphere for the 400 in residence students."

Founded in 1871, the Riverside Indian School is the nation's oldest federally operated American Indian boarding school. The new academic

and dormitory buildings will support students in grades 9-12.

The Flatwater Group includes companies specializing in federal business products and services for information technology, office equipment and furnishings, electronics and support services. All Native Solutions and the Flatwater Group are headquartered in Winnebago, Nebraska and also maintain offices in Bellevue, Nebraska and Arlington, Virginia. The company has provided services for the Internal Revenue Service, Defense Commissary Agency, U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Air Force.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is the award-winning economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Founded in 1994, the corporation operates 35 subsidiaries and employs more than 1,000 people from diverse ethnic backgrounds and skills sets. Ho-Chunk, Inc. and subsidiary operations span more than 16 states and 8 foreign countries. Other subsidiary operations include information technology, construction, government contracting, green energy, retail, wholesale distribution, marketing and transportation.

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Ho-Chunk Station



# Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls holds benefit concert for the American Red Cross

Submitted by Tris Harris  
Senior Manager-Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls (HCG BRF) held a benefit concert with Country Music Star, James Wesley on

January 25th. \$5 of every ticket sold went to the American Red Cross and a check for \$1500 was presented to Jim Kaphengst of the Jackson County Chapter on March 12th. James Wesley is a big supporter of the Red Cross

and agreed to the concert to help out our local Red Cross for disaster relief. “We enjoy bringing in quality entertainment for the people in this area and to contribute to great organizations that help in our communities as well” says Director of Marketing at HCG-BRF, Robert Reider. “James Wesley was a perfect fit when it came to the American Red Cross, James did a benefit concert at our sister Casino in Wisconsin Dells last year at their ‘Evening In Red’ event that also raised funds for the Red Cross,” said Reider. Mr. Kaphengst, from the Red Cross says that this area has been very unfortunate this winter with homes burning down or flooding due to water main breaks and they have given out assistance to families with these issues. The Red Cross is very grateful and appreciates any donation, big



James Wesley, Jane Ramey-Jackson Co. Red Cross Rep. and Jim Kaphengst-Jackson Co. Red Cross Rep.



L-R: Linda Heinz-HCG-BRF Marketing Assistant, Jim Kaphengst-Jackson Co. Red Cross Rep, Tris Harris-HCG-BRF Sr. Mgr. of Public Relations.

or small. Please visit them at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) for more information on how you can donate now.

# Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa sponsors 3rd Annual Scrabble Tournament

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa/Senior Manager-Public Relations  
Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa sponsored the Central Wisconsin Literacy Council’s 3rd Annual Scrabble Tournament which was held at the Marshfield Public Library in Marshfield, Wisconsin on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. There were 66 people registered for the event. Ho-Chunk Gam-

ing Nekoosa made a check presentation in the amount of \$1000.00 to the Central Wisconsin Literacy Council’s Executive Director, Stephen Carlton at the event. The Literacy Council of Wood County started in 1991 and then merged with the Marathon County Literacy Council in 2014. Their goal is to help enhance the lives of adults by improving their English literacy skills which

gives them the skills to complete their GEDs, obtain/retain employment and earn US Citizenship. The money raised at the event will go to supplying their offices with tutor and student materials. They have offices in Marshfield, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids. The organization serves about 250 people each year in the local area.



# Jason Sell wins 2014 Mid-States Poker Tour Ho-Chunk Gaming (\$97,539)

Submitted by Mo Nuwwarah  
This article first appeared on [PokerNews.com](http://PokerNews.com)  
Jason Sell topped a field of 383 to take down Mid-States Poker Tour Ho-Chunk Gaming for \$97,539 here in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Sell spent much of the day as one of the chip leaders despite entering with about 14 big blinds. He booked easily the biggest cash of his career (\$159,218 in total cashes) after about 13 hours of play here on Day 2. Sell doubled up in the third hand we logged today when he got lucky with queen-nine against ace-king, and it was mostly smooth sailing from there to the final table. On the way, he outlasted notables such as Kou Vang, Aaron Johnson, Day 2 leader Chris Burmeister, and David Gutfreund.

The final table featured World Series of Poker bracelet winner Nick Jivkov, but he was the first to fall, along with Jason Seefeld when Jivkov pushed all in under the gun, and action folded to Ryan Jefferson, who shipped over in the cutoff. Seefeld thought for about 30 seconds before pushing his 300,000 stack forward. The blinds got out of the way. Jivkov: **7♠ 7♦**  
Jefferson: **A♥ A♣**  
Seefeld: **Q♠ Q♦**  
Right after Sell had joked about the slowness of the final table, we had a three-way all in with Jefferson leading the way with aces. His lead only grew on the **5♦ A♦ J♣** flop, and only Seefeld had an out after the **10♠** turn. No king materialized on the river, and Jefferson collected two opponents’ stacks. DJ Buckley busted shortly

after in another three-way all in. Yet another three-way all in resulted in the eliminations of Jun Kim and Travis Lauzon. Mike Deis exited in fifth just a few weeks after taking sixth at MSPT Majestic Star when his **K♠ J♦** was out-drawn by Sell’s **K♣ 10♠**. Fourth-place finisher Taylor Tollefson four-bet all in preflop with fours but ran smack into Sell’s rockets, and that led to two hours worth of three-handed play that featured several huge swings, including an incredible seven double ups by shorter stacks who were all in at risk. It looked like we were going to see eight when Stone opened to 250,000, and Jefferson called. Sell put everyone all in from the big blind, and Stone folded but Jefferson snapped.



Jason Sell wins the 2014 MSPT Tour at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells

Jefferson: **A♠ A♥**  
Sell: **6♣ 6♦**  
The flop came **7♣ 5♠ 2♣**, but an **A♣** turn gave Sell a flush draw. He filled it on the **J♣** river, dealing Jefferson a heart-breaking third-place

exit. Play ended after a short heads-up match between Sell and Stone when Sell put the much-shorter-stacked Stone all in with live cards and managed to make a flopped pair of fives hold up.



# Home maintenance checklist for spring

## OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE

### 1. Divert Water

Gutters do their job best when clean. Check your gutters and down spouts for foliage build-up, leaks or if loose. Gutters trapping moisture can cause damage to roofs and walls. Down spouts should be pointing water away from foundation at least 6 feet, as trapped moisture can leak through foundation to the basement causing damage, mildew and mold.

Low areas in the yard or next to the foundation should be filled. Melting snow and spring rains can cause yard flooding. Water pools in these low areas in summer, it creates a breeding ground for insects.

Check outside faucets for freeze damage. Turn the faucet on and cover the opening. If you can stop the flow of water, it is likely the pipe is damaged and will need to be replaced.

### 2. Retain the Roof

It's easy to take for granted the one thing that shelters you from the elements. From the ground, examine roof shingles to see if any were lost or damaged during winter. Shingles that are cracked, buckled or loose or are missing granules need to be replaced.

Examine the exterior of the chimney for signs of damage and the chimney cap is in place. You should have the flue cleaned and inspected by a certified chimney sweep.

### 3. Check Your Paint Job

The worst thing you can do is leave wood exposed, as it will begin to rot. Look for chipped or cracked siding. Wood siding, you will need to scrape off any falling paint, sand it down, prime and paint with exterior products.

Use a screwdriver to check the wood trim around window, doors, railings and decks. Check decks for stress damage caused by heavy snow. On the exterior of windows caulk any gaps.

### 4. Check Concrete

Inspect your sidewalks and driveways for signs of cracks or holes. Make repairs by filling cracks with a concrete crack filler or silicone caulk and fill holes with asphalt or cement repair products. When weather permits, power wash and seal the concrete.

### 5. Love Your Lawn

Rake leaves you didn't get around to last fall. Too many leaves left on your



lawn can suffocate your grass and stop it from growing.

Trim shrubs and hedges away from your house to prevent growth of moisture and mildew. Branches should be 7 feet from your home to prevent damage to siding and the roof. Get rid of out of control vine type plants, as they can help cause cracks to siding and allow pests entry into your house.

Check your lawn equipment to make sure it is ready for use. Sharpen cutting blades on lawn equipment to make yard work easier.

### 6. Outdoor House Keeping

Just like inside your house – Get rid of garbage and junk. Keep garbage and debris under control around the exterior of the house.

Clean debris and plants ways from the outside unit of the air conditioning system.

Remove firewood stored near the house. Firewood should be stored at least 18 inches off the ground and around 2 feet from the house.

Clean siding, decks, sidewalks, driveways, garage floors, fences, and lawn furniture to remove accumulated dirt, mold and stains.

## INDOOR MAINTENANCE

### 1. Watch Windows and Doors

Enjoy the view and fresh air of spring. Clean the windows and screens.

Look at all the doors and windows for leaks and drafts. Seal any open areas between the frame and the wall to keep out water, which can deteriorate building materials. Neglecting these can open up potential for environmental hazards

like mold growth.

Weather stripping around doors not only keeps drafts out, but helps keep the cool air in.

### 2. Keep the Air Fresh

Air conditioning and Air to Air Exchanger units run more efficiently when free of dust and dirt, saving you money on your energy bill. So if you aren't changing or cleaning the filters monthly, start now!

With warm, sticky days ahead, do yourself a favor and give your air conditioning unit and air to air exchanger a little TLC. Efficient running air conditioners and air to air exchanger units remove moisture and humidity from your home, which in excess can cause mildew and mold.

Programmable Thermostats will need to be set at new temperatures for the new season.

### 3. Peek at the Plumbing

Except for a coffee maker, anything dripping in your house is a bad sign. Check for leaking faucets, sweating pipes, clogged or faulty drainage systems. Make note of areas and have repaired soon to prevent further damage to the area.

**Pace and Pedal**  
Duathlon 5.5 Mile Run | 10 Mile Bike

**Saturday, June 28th, 2014**  
Lake Wazee County Park, Black River Falls, WI

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Pace &amp; Pedal Duathlon</b> Registration - \$25 per person (includes event registration, chip timing & t-shirt)
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Wazee Fun Run/Walk (2.7 miles)</b> Registration - \$15 per person (includes event registration & t-shirt)
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Youth Race (1.1 miles)</b> Registration - FREE (includes race headband and participant medal)
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Pace &amp; Pedal Duathlon Award Ceremony</b>

**RACE DIVISIONS**  
**Pace & Pedal Duathlon:** 12 & under, 13-18, 19-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 60+, 2-person Team  
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# Kendall Tallmadge offers presentation on Dells cultural tourism

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

Wisconsin Dells has been host to tourists from all around the world for more than 150 years and a very big part of that beginning of tourism was the events staged by the Ho-Chunk people.

Kendall Tallmadge, MBA/MA in Cultural Anthropology, spoke on Thursday, March 13, before a crowd of more than 60 at the Kilbourn Public Library, Wisconsin Dells.

Tallmadge gave her presentation titled “How Cultural Tourism Shapes the Dells,” based on her Master’s thesis, “Tourism, Place and Identity: Economic History and Political Sovereignty in the Ho-Chunk Nation.”

Growing up in the Wisconsin Dells area, the daughter of Lance and Diane Tallmadge, she received her Bachelor’s degree from Beloit College in Wisconsin and her Master’s degree from University of Colorado – Boulder.

At her presentation, she told the history of using cultural identity and performances. The first such instance was when Red Bird, the leader of the Ho-Chunk tribe, was captured in 1827. A group of Ho-Chunk members had gathered in Washington, D.C., to plead for his release from prison. While they were waiting in front of the White House, they put on a performance to gain some money for their expenses.

The next documented performance for money was in 1908 in Black River Falls when they began to charge admission for a Pow Wow.

But in the Dells, it was the Stand Rock Ceremonial, along with the Dells boat rides, which helped shape the tourism industry for the area.

“It wasn’t just a place for Ho-Chunks to gather, it was a place to gather with other tribes, as well,” she said.

The Stand Rock Ceremonial is something Tallmadge still is being questioned about. During its peak in popularity, the parking lot for the attraction would be full and a capacity crowd could be expected at every performance. The Stand Rock Ceremonial started in 1929 and closed in 1997.

The Stand Rock Ceremonial was popular for Native Americans for many years because it was an opportunity for family members to get together, who otherwise didn’t see each other during the year. And it was an opportunity to learn traditional dances and songs. Other opportunities were to gain business knowledge and to be able to interact with non-Native Americans.

Tallmadge said she was 5 or 6 years old when she performed in the ceremonial and she didn’t question whether it was appropriate to dance for tourists.

“I knew that this is what we do,” she said. “It never really moved beyond that. This is normal.”

When she began her research, she had first-hand knowledge of the subject.

“I never expected my research in anthropology to take me back to my own hometown and community,” she wrote. “I grew up during the end of the cultural tourism era of Wisconsin Dells. My mother danced at one of the attractions, the Stand Rock Ceremonial, and my father was emcee and general manager of the show in the early- to mid-1990s. I remember summers spent dancing as a child at the Ceremonial played a huge part of my life, even after its closure. I returned to the Dells every summer during my undergraduate years to work as a tour guide and pilot for Dells Boat Tours. Stand Rock served as one of the main landing points on the two-hour tour, and as a guide, I walked the trails at Stand Rock at least two or three times per day.”

The tourist popularity of Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial declined about the same time the Dells Boat Rides declined, she said.

When doing the research for her thesis, she was continually asked about the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial, signifying the long-lasting popularity of the event. At her presentation, she again was asked if the Stand Rock Ceremonial could be resurrected.

“Do you mean if there is enough interest in bringing back Stand Rock, are there enough people interested in doing it?” she asked. “I believe there is. There is a community large enough to be called upon. There is a real interest in cultural events.”

During her research, she understood the non-Native American residents and the Native American residents as one entity, working toward the same goal and the tourists in a separate category.

“I argue that tourist spaces served as contact zones and Native gathering places that paved the way for future Ho-Chunk economic development and allowed a shared history of interaction with non-Native locals. This had significant impacts on Ho-Chunk political sovereignty and the identity construction of non-Native local residents. The history is essential for understanding the current viewpoints of community members and the desire to bring back the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial.”

According to Tallmadge in her thesis, the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial began in 1916 when Sanborn and Winslow White Eagle, two Ho-Chunk men from the area, began performing for tourists on the riverbanks near Stand Rock when the Dells Boat Company steamboat would pass by on its daily evening trip. The show became officially established in 1919 through the efforts of Captain Glen Parsons, George Crandall, and a group of Ho-Chunk headed by Russell Decorah. These early shows ran during a few days or weeks during the summer season.

In 1929, the Parsons-Crandall partnership ended and George Crandall’s daughter Phyllis was left in charge of the show at Stand Rock and officially named it the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial. Under Phyllis’ management, the show ran from June to September with passengers arriving nightly by boat.

Phyllis Crandall-Connor managed the show for 25 years before passing management on to the Harold B. Larkin American Legion Post in 1955. During Phyllis’ time as director, the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial gained national fame and distinction.

The American Legion managed the show until 1979 when a Ho-Chunk group, the Neesh-la Indian Development Corporation headed by Alberta Day, took official management of the show. Under Neesh-la’s management, the board of directors became entirely Ho-Chunk by 1987. Neesh-la passed management on to other Ho-Chunk individuals in 1988 and the show struggled with dwindling attendance in the early 1990s.

The show which, since its inception had been held near the site of the Stand Rock rock formation, left its original location in an attempt to continue running and moved closer to the main strip of tourist activity in 1999. Still wanting to keep true to its original appeal, the new site offered an outdoor amphitheater and sandstone rock formations that depicted the natural beauty of the area. The new location lasted two seasons before closing in 2000.

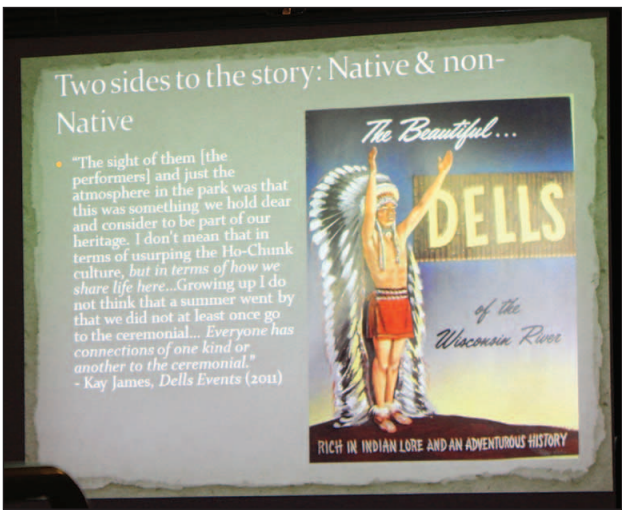
The Dells Park Indian Village originally began as a campground in 1922 when the Crandall family bought property across the river from the Dells Boat Company office building. During this time the Ceremonial was still in its early stages of development and the performers would often camp seasonally near the amphitheater or near Hulburt Creek below the Kilbourn Dam.

In 1932 the Crandall family built an Indian Trading Post at the camp site and hired Roland Dyer—later nicknamed “Pipe” for his tendency to carry around a smoking pipe—as the manager. The Trading Post sold various Native American arts and crafts and also offered food and drinks that both visitors and Ho-Chunk families enjoyed.

The Ho-Chunk families camping at the Park in wigwams also sold their own basketry and jewelry. In 1933, when the Ceremonial closed so the performers could travel to the world’s fair, an impromptu show was staged at the Dells Park. Later other Ceremonial performers from other tribes also set up shop at the Dells Park. The ties between the Park and the Ceremonial always remained strong and performers would travel by boat or by bus from the Park to Stand Rock.

The original Dells Park closed in 1956, though other Indian villages for tourists remained in the area. This particular type of attraction seemed to dwindle out during the 1960s and early 1970s.

The Riverview Boat Line is one of the earlier, though not the earliest, formal boat companies to provide guided tours of the Wisconsin River. The company was established in 1921 by Oliver and Irene Helland, Irene’s father William Stanton, and her brother Walter (Bud) Stanton. The company’s major competitors included the Dells Boat Company, founded in 1911 by George Crandall, and the Olson Boat Company, founded before 1918 by Grover Olson. A series of independent boat owners also competed with these three major lines, many of



Years ago, before the water parks became popular, the lure for tourists to Wisconsin Dells was the cultural and historical aspects, as illustrated by this image in Kendall Tallmadge’s presentation.

them founded as a result of a tourism boom during World War I (1914-1918).

These boating lines competed primarily along the Upper Dells, or the river above the Kilbourn Dam, because this is where the prime scenery is located. Riverview Boat Line also established a partnership with Dells Boat Company for the river below the dam, known as the Lower Dells. In addition to their boating operations, Riverview also operated a series of souvenir shops, a penny arcade, a dance hall, and Hotel Helland.

The Riverview Boat Line continued until it was eventually subsumed into the larger conglomeration of Dells Boat Tours, made up of Riverview Boat Line, Olson Boat Line, and Dells Boat Company.

In summary, Tallmadge concluded that Wisconsin Dells has always played an important role in perpetuating Ho-Chunk life and culture. In the past, the Dells served as a central stopping point on annual migrations for Ho-Chunk peoples traveling from northern to southern territories. Like many Native peoples, the Ho-Chunk underwent a period of removals in the 1800s as the United States continued its Westward expansion. In the middle of the removal period, the city of Wisconsin Dells was founded by non-Native American settlers.

“Sites such the Dells Park Indian Village and the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial became important places which perpetuated Ho-Chunk cultural identities and contributed to the transmission of cultural knowledge,” Tallmadge wrote. “The seasonal work presented a time and place for Ho-Chunks spread across south-central Wisconsin to gather together and see family and friends not normally seen during the rest of the year.”

“Tourist attractions such as the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial also offered a means to protect other cultural venues from tourist view. Overall, cultural tourism provided a unique venue in the absence of reservation lands that was utilized for cultural transmission and the perpetuation of Ho-Chunk cultural identity in ancestral lands. More importantly, it provided a publicly visible space for the continuation of Ho-Chunk culture, which would prove crucial later in establishing federal recognition and ultimately political sovereignty.

“Tourism permeated the lives of Ho-Chunk peoples and non-Native residents of Wisconsin Dells in a multitude of ways related to identity, place, work, and sovereignty. For Wisconsin Dells residents, tourism of the Ho-Chunk became part of the town’s culture and identity. The rise of the water park industry and the closure of Native American-based cultural attractions caused local residents to reflect on what it means to be a Wisconsin Dells resident.

“What is Wisconsin Dells identity? It isn’t the water parks or the go-kart tracks or any of the new attractions. It isn’t even tourism in general. Wisconsin Dells identity is deeply entwined with Ho-Chunk identity because of the shared history of living in the area and being dependent on attractions of Native peoples for so many years.

“What will be the next step in Ho-Chunk history? If they decide to re-enter the cultural tourist industry, what will be its purpose now?” Tallmadge wrote.

“Throughout my research I have sought to answer why cultural tourism was such a large part of Ho-Chunk history, and I have argued that it provided a safe space for Ho-Chunk peoples to be Ho-Chunk in ancestral lands along with providing economic opportunity the aided in cultural perpetuation,” she wrote. “As the Nation makes its decisions for future growth, it is important to reflect on what is already known, on where Ho-Chunk peoples were in the past and how it affected the development of the Nation and its members, in order to make informed decisions for the future.”



# Country’s Big & Rich rocks Ho-Chunk Upper Dells Ballroom

**Kathleen Roberts**  
Staff Writer

It’s not all work and no play, my work can be play; yes, I had the greatest opportunity to see Big & Rich with special guest Cowboy Troy on Saturday, March 22. The country music stars graced the Ho-Chunk Casino/Convention Center stage in Wisconsin Dells and certainly wowed us all. I was lucky enough to get a fourth row, center of- the-house seat. I would like to say, “Thank you, Wisconsin Dells, Ho-Chunk Gaming, casino host and hostess staff.” I could see, hear and enjoy every country twang, country rock guitar lick and every last humorous word each performer gave.

The dynamic pair performed their recent hits, “Save a Horse” and “8th of November,” along with many more familiar songs. Big & Rich surprised the audience with a musically creative rendition of an AC/DC song. They performed the rock song with country flare; with a boot-scooting, cowboy swing beat. I could imagine myself

easily doing the two-step, while enjoying the unusual musical arrangement.

During this stellar performance, singer John Rich cordially said to the audience how much he and the band appreciate their fans; Rich intimately said, “Thank you for coming out tonight to be with us!”

Surprisingly, Rich referred to Twitter/Tweet by highlighting a couple celebrating 17 years of marriage. He directed them onto the stage to dance near the band, while they played “Lost in the Moment.” As Rich stated, “dancing with the band . . . how cool is that?” At one fun, entertaining point, Rich instructed the couple to kiss during a certain part of the song lyrics. The charming couple kissed on-cue receiving a warm, roll of applause from the audience.

Further into the show, Big & Rich brought quiet, solemn and great honor to all of us, by calling Marine Corps Veteran Joseph WhiteEagle to the stage. WhiteEagle walked proudly onto stage and was

situated directly in the middle of the band while the band performed “8th of November,” I could not keep my eyes dry. Automatically, my eyes were drawn to a beaded, medallion Joseph wore on his shirt. The medallion, symbolic of the four-directions, certainly fit the sentiment of the song and this Marine’s honor, entirely adding to the feeling of the moment. This particular song was inspired and influenced by the Vietnam War era.

Big & Rich asked for a comment from Joseph, he responded, “Semper Fi.” A slight chuckle from our audience followed WhiteEagle’s almost expected, appropriate comment. While he proudly sat I could hear audience members commenting how emotional they felt.

Cowboy Troy performed several upbeat and rousing songs. His style was a cross between rap-master and a country star’s music. The entire audience joined in by dancing in their seats and shouting with delight. Cowboy Troy added another di-



Reporter Kathleen Roberts meets and greets (from left) Big (Kenny Alphin), Cowboy Troy and Rich (John Rich).

mension to what was already an awesome concert.

I was one of the many who moved up to stand near the stage at the show’s end. We happily slapped and shook hands with Big & Rich as they finished their performance. Having the pleasure

of meeting the performers at the “Meet and Greet,” singer Big gave me an extra “hello” and a guitar pick. No doubt, this musical duo will continue to climb the charts, entertaining audiences (and me) for many years to come.

# Two seek Jackson County Board seat

**Ken Luchterhand**  
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Carol Rockman, and William Cornell will be looking for District 11, which covers Brockway (north of Hwy 54), Komensky, and City Point, votes to fill a seat on the Jackson County Board of Supervisors in the April 1 election.

The candidates were sent questions from the Hocak Worak, and here’s the responses were received.

**Carol Rockman** made the following campaign statement:

There have been an abundance of articles written regarding the frac sand mining operations and the concerns by the Jackson County residents of environmental health, i.e. silica sand in the air we breathe, potential water shortages, more truck and train traffic, water contamination by the chemicals used to “wash” the sand, endangering natural resources which include plants and animals, and destruction of natural landscapes. We, as Jackson County residents, are responsible for leaving a legacy of a pristine ecosystem to our children and grandchildren and for Jackson County to thrive.

Circulation of the economy throughout Jackson County is dependent on tourism and all other businesses. I have observed that the County is the home for recreational interests, hunting interests, and other nature interests. We cannot afford to destroy what makes this very community survive. I support most economic endeavors; however,

when those endeavors seek to extinguish our natural resources and our ability to remain as residents of this County, I cannot support those efforts.

Keeping in mind the ongoing budget constraints facing all public entities, what do you believe are the most important services the county provides and what do you believe is the best way to be able to provide these services with limited funding?

Services to the elderly, children, and individuals with challenges, i.e. physical, mental, addictions, are the most important. Services such as elderly protection and child protection, nutritional services, transportation services, home services, and community educational services are at the top of my priority list. Limited budgets will always be an issue governments have to deal with and will have to make difficult decisions as to what services are priorities and which ones are not priorities. Ideally, I would like

for all necessary services to be fully funded, but the unfortunate reality is that budget cuts reduce and/or eliminate necessary services to the people. Assessments of negative impacts to the citizens of the County would be my priority before any decision is made to decrease services.

**William Cornell** made the following campaign statement:

The county should strive to reduce operating costs in general; taxpayers are taxed to near the limit.

I am against any further electrical transmission lines crossing the county. Frac sand mining is a more complex issue in my opinion. I feel that each site should be looked at on its own merits. Frac sand mining and treatment is a vital component of our national oil and gas exploration programs. Domestic production is essential in reducing consumer costs. Limited open pit mining can be done successfully without scaring the landscape if res-

toration is properly managed. I would offer Wazee Lake as a prime example. I feel that a wholesale ban on frac sand mining is the wrong approach.

I would like to see more long range planning incorporated into county government.

I learned at an early age that service to one’s country and service to your community is every citizen’s civic duty. The manner of how one serves is a matter of personal choice.

The degradation of our county roads and bridges is of paramount importance and must be addressed by our county and state. The high

costs of paving and road construction today can no longer be met by normal budget process. We must look outside the normal budget process to fund our road and bridge improvement.

If elected I will continue to be a strong voice for the Townships of District 11.

The candidates have an opportunity to meet and greet voters at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building on March 26 at 5 pm. The event is hosted by Ho-Chunk tribal member, Cecilia Krause.

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# Candidates vie for two seats on BRF School Board

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Black River Falls School Board candidates will appear on the April 1 Election ballots in Black River Falls. Two incumbents, **Patty Jacobson** and **Laurel Meek**, and Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, **Nehomah Thundercloud** will vie for the two seats up for grabs. This is Thundercloud's first time running for school board.

Questions were posed to each candidate, and here's how they answered.

**How do you plan to handle state funding shortfalls?**

**NT:** In light of state funding shortfalls, the trend is for school districts to have a series of funding referendums on the ballot. If the referendums pass, it places more financial burden on the property taxpayers. Do you believe it is fair to place an increasing burden on taxpayers to pay for the gap in school funding? Why or why not? What do you believe to be the appropriate answer for the financial constraints?

Many different sectors help to create a strong, functioning community. Three of those are government, schools, and taxpayers. There is accountability for government officials and taxpayers contribute to the services the community enjoys. Schools educate the young and help build a stronger society.

At times extra funding is requested through referendums, especially now when most Wisconsin schools are experiencing funding shortfalls from the state. A referendum needs to show a positive return on investment for the community so that taxpayers responsible for funding them feel more compelled to support the tax increase.

This is where public input is needed to discuss problems, separate needs and wants, review options, and propose strategies to solve financial constraints and educational needs. Communication is the key to any strong community.

**PJ:** Although it may seem "unfair" for more tax burden to be placed on local property owners as "state" funding diminishes, it is important to remember that all state funding comes from the taxpayers in one way or another, whether from state taxes or local taxes. It seems easier when the state pays because it isn't a separate bill to an individual. We all need to encourage our state and local taxpayers and legislators to make education funding a priority. However, it is good to remember increased funding does not always result in better student achievement.

Local school boards need to manage district budgets to use resources wisely. We need to spend our resources on what makes the biggest difference in student achievement. Research shows that investing in supporting and retaining the excellent educators benefits the students more than any-

thing else.

**LM:** It goes without saying that our area has suffered from less than positive economic times, and has not made the recovery we all would have desired to see. This has translated into many households experiencing fixed incomes: those who are on Social Security; those on disability incomes; those on unemployment; those who have not seen wage increases for a number of years; those who, although they may have seen wage increases, those increases have not kept up with the cost of living; and those who have face increased cost of insurance and other benefits that eat up any increases they may have seen and if increases have not happened it even further impacts household incomes.

With all of that being said, I'm not sure the word is fair, but it is the Boards responsibility to prevent the need for going to these folks for referendums solely for the purposes of operational costs. Many times, as a member of the Board for a good bit of time, many times I have asked the question of our Administration: "with these recommendations can we guarantee that our existing funding can support them into the future, without having to go to the taxpayers via referendum to cover operational costs?"

As we know it takes a community to raise a child, and with that, educating them is no exception. It is my belief that it is appropriate to ask the community to share their time, knowledge and expertise to assist the Board in creative solutions to fiscal challenges that may be faced by the schools. As funding uncertainties are likely continue into the future, we, as a community, need to be prepared to continue to address these challenges in creative ways, while not losing sight of the focus on student achievement and fiscal responsibility. In order to meet the needs of the community and our schools, it is imperative that we continue to support and seek out new school/community partnerships to create opportunities for all. An excellent example of this type of partnership is the fairly recent development of the Welding Institute.

In short we need to call upon the community to provide solutions, as seven people cannot possibly come up with as many solutions as a whole community can. At the end of the day, the priority needs be that every student in the Black River Falls area experiences success, and the highest quality education, that will prepare them for a rapidly changing world that will offer life choices that, as of today, we can't even imagine will exist

**Do you think anything should be changed in regards to the policy on bullying?**

**NT:** The current School

Board Policy 448 on Anti-Bullying is fairly complete. However, there is no mention of how complainants will be notified on the progress of the investigation.

**PJ:** We could do a better job of teaching individuals how to respond appropriately and immediately if they are being bullied. Often the situation goes on for a long time before it is recognized. We are working on increasing staff awareness in recognizing bullying. Much of this seems to occur on school buses and the administration has been asked to address the problems regarding behavior on the school buses in a more effective manner.

**LM:** "Back in the day", although bullying was of course present in everyday life, it ended at the end of the school day. In our more advanced times, we are both blessed and sometimes cursed by the wonders of social media. With social media, the bullying continues, and continues and continues. It is that, that I wish I had a solution, but I cannot with any honesty say that I have an answer.

The School District currently has a policy and a rule on bullying. The first step in taking action on bullying is that occurrences thereof would be reported to school staff. There is a clear procedure/rule that is to be followed by staff, once reported. My best advice is to make sure that your children know that bullying is not ok, nor is it accepted, and that if these behaviors are happening, they need to be reported. Because the definition of bullying is not the same for all, necessarily, if it feels like bullying is happening to you or someone around you, the best course of action is to report.

As not everyone reads the policies and rules that are in place, perhaps the best way to ensure that everyone is informed about the procedure is to ensure that it is clearly outlined in the student handbooks that every child receives.

**What changes would you like to see accomplished during your time on the school board?**

**NT:** One change I would like to see during my time on the school board is greater public involvement in meetings, committees, and events. Being a new voice, I bring fresh insights and different community connections to help spread the progress and needs of the school board.

**PJ:** I would like to continue to work on changes initiated this year aimed at community outreach. We need to continue the school newsletter, the community forums, and the community facility task force. I would like to have more school board meetings at the Ho-Chunk Executive Building to encourage community with the Nation. It is important for students to see us working together for their schools.

Student evaluation and data

collection is important, but I would like to see reductions in the amount of time spent on testing. It uses valuable classroom learning time and is stressful for students and teachers. Sometimes less is more.

Improving our facilities is also important, and I am anxious to hear the recommendations from the community task force.

**LM:** Although it is not a change, I would like to continue the focus on more of the same progress toward continually higher levels of student achievement.

Consistent increases in test scores.

To begin to see the outcomes of fairly recent changes to the math program, the reading program, the 1:1 Initiative, the TIGER WAY, just to name a few!!

We have recently moved to a program that offers a plethora of virtual options for students from 4K to grade 12. As students participating in the virtual school options, either fully or blended with in school classes, they are able to take part in band, music, art, physical education, and all of the vast number co-curricular options available to students in Black River Falls. In order for students from outside of the District to become a part of our virtual school it will need to become a charter. This, in my opinion, is an excellent path to pursue.

With options available regarding the school calendar, I would like to continue the exploration of what is the best scenario for our students here in Black River Falls.

Finally, I would love to see our schools busting at the seams with open enroll in students, as evidence of how awesome our schools are!!!

**What is your main purpose for running for school board?**

**NT:** I have always had a strong connection to my community, friends, and family. I see serving on the school board as a way to serve all three.

All school board seats are At-Large. If I am lucky enough to serve my hometown community, this responsibility includes all citizens within the Black River Falls School District.

**PJ:** I care about our children and their future. Our future lies in our children and in our ability to help each child understand his or her value and potential as a unique human being, as a citizen and as a member of our community. I will work for a school climate that inspires all students to graduate with plans for their life after high school.

**LM:** In my years on the board, I have seen a lot of changes, but one thing that remains constant is that our students are so vibrant, so full of life, so fun, and every one of them is full of dreams for their future. It is an absolute honor to be able to serve our



**Nehomah Thundercloud is on the April 1 Election ballot hoping to win a seat on the Black River Falls School Board.**

community by having a small part to play in these kids education—an education that will prepare them to achieve those dreams. I would love to have the opportunity to continue to be a part of something so dynamic and positive!!!

In addition I am committed to education and have dedicated my career and voluntary activities to kids. I take very seriously that our students are well prepared for a rapidly changing world.

Finally, as a member of the board I have made decisions based on the focus of student achievement and fiscal responsibility to the tax payers of our community. If I am given the opportunity to serve another term, I will continue to do the same.

**What is one of the main problems or concerns in the school district?**

**NT:** Parents still have concerns on the Common Core Standards. Parents have addressed their concerns with me and hope that, if elected, I will assist them to get their concerns addressed.

**PJ:** Student achievement. Improving student achievement is the number one mission of a school board. Our district "school report card" indicates we need to do a better job. The students in our district have.

The three candidates also participated in a forum hosted by the Black River Falls Parent Teacher Organization on Tuesday, March 25 at the Third Street Elementary School. Nehomah Thundercloud appeared via an electronic format due out of town work obligations.

**LM:** Funding uncertainties will likely continue into the future, so we need to be prepared to continue to address these in creative ways, while not losing sight of the focus on student success and fiscal responsibility.

Facility needs are a reality in our District, presenting various level of need. The Board will continue to work with the community, in order to best address these needs. Ultimately the resolution of these challenges will be decided by the residents of our district.



REMEMBER TO



APRIL 1, 2014

YOU ARE INVITED  
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ROCKMAN**

DISTRICT II  
JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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EDUCATION: UNIVERSITY OF WI – STEVENS POINT/MASTERS DEGREE

EXPERIENCE: HO-CHUNK NATION PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT SINCE 2003

PLATFORM: OPPOSE SAND MINING  
ADVOCATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS  
ADVOCATE FOR HEALTHY NATURAL RESOURCES  
ADVOCATE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS OF JACKSON COUNTY RESIDENTS

Authorized & paid for by Carol Rockman



**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
MARCH 4, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Greendeer at 10:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
President Jon Greendeer (P)  
Vice President Heather Cloud (P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)  
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. David Greendeer (E)  
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar (E)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (10:52 a.m.)  
Rep. Forrest White Rabbit (P)  
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**  
Quorum is established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** A moment of silence was requested by Carolyn Grzelak, Legislative Counsel.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve agenda with additions under District Concerns: District 2, Baraboo area meeting; add Travel to NCAI and New Business H. Kickapoo Agricultural Leave. Unfinished Business Table agenda items E. Healing to Wellness Court Code and F. Housing Establishment Act. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**8-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**  
*February 18, 2014, Legislative meeting minutes.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify the February 18, 2014, Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

**9-0-1 (Rep. Matt Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
*Housing Committee, February 19, 2014. VP Heather Cloud.*

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to ratify the Housing committee February 19, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Development Committee, February 25, 2014. Rep. Greg Blackdeer*

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to ratify the Development committee, February 25, 2014, meeting minutes with corrections. Second by VP Heather Cloud.

**9-1 (Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Health, Social Services and Insurance, February 25, 2014. Rep. Greg Blackdeer.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to ratify the Health, Social Services and Insurance committee, February 25, 2014 meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin.

**7-0-3 (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Matt Mullen and Robert Two Bears.) MOTION CARRIED.**

*Finance Committee, February 26, 2014. Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to ratify the Finance Committee, February 26, 2014, meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**8-0-2 (Reps. Kathyleen Lone Tree- Whiterabbit and Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.**

*Finance Committee Special Meeting, February 27, 2014. Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to ratify the Special Finance Committee, February 27, 2014, meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**8-0-2 (Reps. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.**

*Finance Committee Special Meeting, March 3, 2014. Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to ratify the Special Finance Committee, March 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**7-0-3 (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Susan Waukon and Robert TwoBears.) MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit leaves at 10:17 a.m.

**Resolution 03-04-14A, Authorizing Closing of HCN DBA Discover/American Express Deposits Account at Jackson County Bank.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Resolution 03-04-14A, Authorizing Closing of ACH Vendor Account at Jackson County Bank. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.

**9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of room.)**

**Resolution 03-04-14B, Authorizing Closing of Berkley Risk Admin Account at Jackson County Bank.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Resolution 03-04-14C, Authorizing Closing of Berkley Risk Admin Account at Jackson County Bank. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.

**9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of room.)**

**Resolution 03-04-14D, Authorizing Closing of Justice Center Construction Account at Jackson County Bank.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Resolution 03-04-14D, Authorizing Closing of Justice Center Construction Account at Jackson County Bank. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.

**9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of room.)**

**Resolution 03-04-14E, Establishment of Per Capita Reserve Investment Account.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to

adopt Resolution 03-04-14E, Establishment of Per Capita Reserve Investment Account. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.

**9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves at 10:23 a.m.

**Audit Committee, structure, terms, public member nomination.**

Rep. Forrest White Rabbit gave a verbal report on the Audit Committee meeting on organization, terms and public member nominee recruitment. The Audit Committee will be meeting on March 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. before the Regular Finance Committee meetings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
*Economic Diversification (Standing Agenda item) Rep. David Greendeer.*

Rep. Henning Garvin reported that Rep. David Greendeer will be sending a report electronically.

**Lynwood Properties. (Standing Agenda item).** *VP Heather Cloud.*

Discussion was on the Memorandum of Understanding and whether it will be signed. Bills for Lynwood are still being paid by the Legislature. President Jon Greendeer feels that this is a Legislative job. VP Heather Cloud feels it is a shared operation.

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns at 10:24 a.m.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns at 10:24 a.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to have a Lynwood Task Force meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 19, 2014 at Ho-Chunk Hotel & Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, to address Lynwood concerns and to invite Mr. Bill Lowe, Jon Warner and President Jon Greendeer.

**9-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Wittenberg Well (Park) Project. Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel.*

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to table the Wittenberg Well (Park) Project. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Amendments to Appropriations and Budget Process Act. Rep. Robert TwoBears and Sheila Corbine, Attorney General.*

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to table Amendments to Appropriations and Budget Process Act. Second by Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Healing to Wellness Court Code. Rep. Heather Cloud. Tabled.*

**Resolution 03-04-14 Placing Housing Establishment Act out for 45 day comment period. Expired 02-24-14. Carolyn Grzelak, Legislative Attorney.** Tabled. **NO ACTION.**

**Resolution 03-04-14F, Placing Election Code out for 45 day public comment period.** *Rep. Henning Garvin.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt Resolution 03-04-14F, Placing Election Code out for 45 day public comment period. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 03-04-14G, Judiciary Establishment and Organization Act amendments.** *Rep. Henning Garvin.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt Resolution 03-04-14G, Judiciary Establishment and Organization Act amendments. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 10:41 a.m.

Rep. Susan Waukon returns at 10:43 a.m.

**General Council Agency Budget Modifications.** *Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to approve a General Council Agency budget modification number 1403-01292014-M10 in the amount of \$63,633. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen.

**9-0-1 (Rep. Susan Waukon) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to approve a General Council Agency budget modification number 1403-01292014-M11 in the amount of \$17,000. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**Resolution 03-04-14, Establishment of Capital Project Restricted Account for the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing Center.** *Carolyn Grzelak, Legislative Attorney.* **STRICKEN FROM AGENDA.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to strike agenda item Resolution 03-04-14, Establishment of Capital Project Restricted Account for the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing Center. Per the advice from the Treasury Department, this resolution is not needed at this time. Second by VP Heather Cloud.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 03-04-14I, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Treasury Financial Accounting Software Project.** *Sandra Gleason, Executive Director, Treasury.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Resolution 03-04-14I, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Treasury Financial Accounting Software Project. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 03-04-14J, Placing Plum Creek Timberlands-Wazee South Property 246 Acres, M/L into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin.** *Larry Garvin, Lands Specialist.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt Resolution 03-04-14J, Placing Plum Creek Timberlands-Wazee South Property 246 Acres, M/L into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin. Second by VP Heather Cloud.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 03-04-14K, In Support of FY2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant Proposal.** *Ms. Carol Rockman, Director, Planning and Development.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Resolution 03-04-14 K, In Support of FY2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant Proposal. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 03-04-14L, Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO).** *Rep. Robert TwoBears.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to table Resolution 03-04-14L, Tribal Employments Rights Ordinance (TERO). Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Tribal Transportation Meeting Report.** *Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.*

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit gave a verbal report on the Tribal Transportation meeting. Documents for the meeting were supplied for review and further discussion at the next Meeting.

**Resolution 03-04-14M, Ethics Review Board appointment, Phyllis Smoke.** *Carolyn Grzelak, Legislative Counsel.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 03-04-14M, Ethics Review Board appointment, Phyllis Smoke. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone.

**9-0-1 (VP Heather Cloud) MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 03-04-14N, Authorization of Land Lease on Kickapoo Valley Reserve #439 T2143 for Organic Valley CROPP Cooperative.** *Rep. Susan Waukon.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to adopt Resolution 03-04-14 N, Authorization of Land Lease on Kickapoo Valley Reserve #439 T2143 for Organic Valley CROPP Cooperative. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon.

**10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

10:52 a.m. Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives.

**TRAVEL:**  
**National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid Year conference.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Waukon to approve any interested Legislators to attend the National Congress of American Indians Mid Winter Conference. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone.

**10-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**DISTRICT CONCERNS:**  
**District 2 – Baraboo**

**Read for the record:** MOTION by Robert Funmaker that the 12 Clans Board of Director’s and the bylaws be established by June 1, 2014.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President, MOTION by Carol Whitethunder that the TAU not pay or support the TAU trip to Phoenix NICOA because the money is needed on more important issues like transports. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer request to Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee, MOTION by Carol Whitethunder to have the Elite Elders that live on trust land home insurance be paid. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

**11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Should be written in there that it’s in lieu of the property tax benefits for elders who reside off trust land.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Special Finance meeting when Department of Labor Budgets are reviewed, Motion by Damon Funmaker that the Labor Department add 50 jobs for the youth to the Baraboo area. Second by VP Heather Cloud.

**11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** Note: that the Language Department start working on youth job program therefore youth can start employment in Language earlier.

**Read for the record:** They were really keen on asking the Language Division to start working on getting positions in place for the youth to be able to work through the youth program at the Language Division.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

**11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**The Legislature goes into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.**

Rep. Forrest White Rabbit leaves at 11:39 a.m.

Rep. Forrest White Rabbit returns at 11:40 a.m.

Rep. Robert TwoBears leaves at 11:54 a.m.

Rep. Robert TwoBears returns at 11:56 a.m.

Rep. Kathyleen arrives at 1:34 p.m.

Rep. Robert TwoBears leaves at 2:00 p.m.

Rep. Robert TwoBears returns at 2:14 p.m.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit leaves at 2:44 p.m.

Rep. Forrest White Rabbit leaves at 2:44 p.m.

**The Legislature returns to open Session at 2:50 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin.

**8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Kathyleen Lone Tree and Forrest White Rabbit are out of the room.)

**National Congress of American Indians Mid Year session.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve an additional travel day for Reps. Robert TwoBears and Susan Waukon to go to the National Congress of American Indians areas meeting. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone.

**8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Forrest White Rabbit are out of the room.)

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn to the Tribal Office Building, Legislative Conference Room, Black River Falls, WI, on March 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin.

**8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Forrest White Rabbit are out of the room.)

**Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit  
Tribal Secretary

Rep. Susan Waukon (P)  
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (E)  
Rep. David Greendeer (P)  
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar (E)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)  
Rep. Forrest White Rabbit (E)  
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (E)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears (E)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**  
Quorum is established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Prayer offered by Rep. Lori Pettibone.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Waukon to approve the Agenda. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone.

**7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**  
Ms. Ona Garvin, Chief Clerk: There are no minutes to be approved for today. This is a Special Meeting with the only agenda item being an Executive Session to discuss the Les Marston letter and recommendations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone.

**7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislature goes into Executive Session at 1:23 p.m.

The Legislature returns to Open Session at 2:42 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin.

**6-1(Rep. Greg Blackdeer)-1(VP Heather Cloud) MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn to the Executive Office Building, Legislative Conference Room, Black River Falls, WI. On March 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. David Greendeer.

**8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**  
**Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit**  
Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
MARCH 7, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Greendeer at 1:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
President Jon Greendeer (P)  
Vice President Heather Cloud (P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)  
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. David Greendeer (P)  
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar (E)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)  
Rep. Forrest White Rabbit (P)  
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)

Rep. Robert TwoBears (E)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**  
Quorum is established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Prayer offered by Brian Decorah, Executive Director of Business.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin.

**11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
**Expansion Plan for Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities.** *Brian Decorah, Executive Director of Business.*

Mr. Decorah explained the progress of Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming’s past efforts for improvements and expansion since 1992 with a Power Point Presentation.

**Resolution 03-07-14A, Approval of Expansion Plan for Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities.** *Brian Decorah, Executive Director of Business.*

Total estimated cost for 24 projects is \$143,872,969.

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Resolution 03-07-14A, Approval of Expansion Plan for Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon.

**4-7 (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Forrest White Rabbit, Andrea Estebo, Henning Garvin, Shelby Visintin, David Greendeer, and Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 MOTION DEFEATED.**

An option presented was to approve projects 1 through 18 on the list. It was suggested to add project 22, the RV park, Black River Falls near the Casino.

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to take this to the area meetings and bring back to the next Legislative meeting. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit.

**5-6 (Reps. Henning Garvin, David Greendeer, Shelby Visintin, Lori Pettibone, Greg Blackdeer,**

**and Susan Waukon)-0 MOTION IS DEFEATED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to strike 19, 20, 21 and 23 from the Expansion Project List.

Second by VP Heather Cloud. These projects are: Nekoosa, Retail Space; Wittenberg, Retail Space; Black River Falls, Steakhouse; and Nekoosa RV Park.

**8-3 (Reps. David Greendeer, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Forrest White Rabbit)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

President Jon Greendeer read a letter he was preparing in support of the Expansion efforts and will send the full letter when completed.

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud that the entire seated Legislature, the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Executive Directors of Business and Treasury sign off on all expansion project documents. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

**MOTION** is amended by VP Heather Cloud to add: anything related to the expansion project final documents to come before the Legislature prior to the Vice President signing. Discussion was on the various provisions for the Vice President to sign documents stated in resolutions of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**MOTION** is amended by VP Heather Cloud for a ten minute recess.

**6-4 (Reps. Henning Garvin, Susan Waukon, Greg Blackdeer, and David Greendeer)-1 (Rep. Lori Pettibone) MOTION CARRIED.**

**11:40 a.m.** Recess ends.

Mr. Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel returns with Resolution 02-18-14E, PNC Bank Approval Fee Letter and Engagement letter; Resolution 07-06-10 K, Contract Signature Authority; Resolution 5/1/99J, Contract Administration Responsibility; Resolution 5/4/99B Legislative Review of Contracts over \$50,000.00; and Resolution No. 7/15/97-C, Signature Authority for Contracts entered Into on Behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation. These resolutions were presented in response to the Vice President’s concern for the signing of contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud for all non-financial contracts associated with the expansion projects be brought before Legislature via resolution for Legislative approval authorizing Vice President’s signature and recognizing the President’s written and signed support of all Executive Branch recommendations. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

**5-6 (Reps. Henning Garvin, David Greendeer, Matt Mullen, Lori Pettibone, Greg Blackdeer and Susan Waukon)-0 MOTION IS DEFEATED.**

**Resolution 3-7-14B, Approval of Community Reinvestment Plan Projects for Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities.** *Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel*

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt Resolution 3-7-14B, Approval of Community Reinvestment Plan Projects for Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer.

This resolution approves projects 1 through 18 and 22 and 24 of the Ranked Project List for all Locations. \$143, 283,694.

**8-3 (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Forrest White Rabbit and Kathyleen Lone-Tree Whiterabbit)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjustments will be made at Finance Committee as needed.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to adjourn. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit wanted it noted for the record that District 5 and DeLope were excluded from the project list. She would like to lobby for Chicago, Lynwood project.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to withdraw his motion to adjourn.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit for the Treasurer to research and identify funds for a gaming license application in Illinois for \$50,000 and additional fund so a lobbying effort can be conducted. Second by Rep. David Greendeer.

**9-2(Reps. Susan Waukon and Greg Blackdeer)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to have a third party inspector to report to the Legislature for each construction site to report the activity at each location to protect and guard in the best interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**9-2 (Reps. Susan Waukon and Greg Blackdeer)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn to Ho-Chunk Gaming Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI on March 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin.

**11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit  
Tribal Secretary

**SUMMONS  
(Second Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**Zachariah Skenandore, Petitioner, v. Shelia Snake, Respondent.**

**Case : CS 13-62**

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Shelia Snake**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.





**\$1,200 PRIZE PACKAGE**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 20 ONLY**  
HO-CHUNK GAMING BLACK RIVER FALLS BINGO HALL

Calling all hilarious Ho-Chunks for the first ever CRW Production’s People of the Big Laugh Comedy Contest. If you are an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and you think you’re funny, register today to take the spotlight on April 20th for the chance to compete and win CRW Productions \$1,200 Prize package and the crown for funniest Ho-Chunk.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER VISIT  
[WWW.CRWPRODUCTIONS.COM](http://WWW.CRWPRODUCTIONS.COM)



Must be 21 years or older to attend. Limited to the first 25 enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation participants. Preliminary dates subject to cancellation or change based on interest and participation. This a CRW Production event. Employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation are eligible to compete. Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls is not responsible for registering, judging or awarding participants.



# Celebrate National Volunteer Week by donating blood

Submitted by Brian Gomez, Red Cross

Blood donations can come only from generous volunteers. During National Volunteer Week from April 6-13, the American Red Cross invites donors to roll up their sleeves to help meet the constant need for blood.

About 5,600 times a day, someone receives a Red Cross blood transfusion. While all blood types are needed, donors with type AB blood are especially encouraged to give, as it's a type possessed by only about 4 percent of the U.S. population. To make a blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

**Clark County**  
April 1 from noon to 5 p.m. at OEM Fabricators, 1701 Industrial Park Drive in Neills-

ville, Wis.  
April 8 from 2-6 p.m. at Thorp Fire & Ambulance District Station, 300 W. Prospect St. in Thorp, Wis.

April 14 from 1-6 p.m. at Colby High School, 705 N. Second St. in Colby, Wis.

**Jackson County**  
April 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at National Guard Armory, 441 State Hwy. 54 in Black River Falls, Wis.

**La Crosse County**  
April 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SAP America, 332 Front St. South in La Crosse, Wis.

April 1 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Hwy. 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

April 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Hutchison Hall, 1425 Pine St. in La Crosse, Wis.

April 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagle Hall,

1500 La Crosse St. in La Crosse, Wis.

April 8 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Hwy. 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

April 15 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Hwy. 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

**Langlade County**  
April 15 from 1:30-6 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 300 Lincoln St. in Antigo, Wis.

**Marathon County**  
April 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Performing Arts Foundation, 401 N. Fourth St. in Wausau, Wis.

**Marquette County**  
April 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Oxford Elementary School, 222 S. Franklin Ave. in Oxford, Wis.

**Portage County**  
April 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American Red Cross, 3201C Main St. in Stevens Point, Wis.

April 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Amherst High School, 357 Main St. in Amherst, Wis.

April 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American Red Cross, 3201C Main St. in Stevens Point, Wis.

**Wood County**  
April 10 from 1-6 p.m. at Pittsville Lions Club, 5572 Fourth Ave. in Pittsville, Wis.



**How to donate blood**  
Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are

17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

**About the American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

# Area Community Theatre announces “The Queen of Bingo” cast

Area Community Theatre directors Barb Sullivan and Rocky Shutter are pleased to announce ACT's next comedy production, The Queen of Bingo by Jeanne Michels and Phyllis Murphy. Set at bingo night in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Battle Creek, Michigan, The Queen of Bingo features Babe played by Chris Urmanski and Sis portrayed by Lynda Clay, two sisters on the other side of 50, dishing the dirt, giggling like school girls, and each sharing a secret.

It has been several years since either Chris Urmanski or Lynda Clay has graced the ACT stage, but long time audiences will recognize both from past comedic and dramatic roles. Their onstage chemistry will both amuse and charm audiences as sisters who each would like to be the night's 'Queen of Bingo'. Wayne Klinge, the Caller, will be heard rather than seen, and Rocky Shutter will round out the cast as Father Francis McKenzie Muldoon.

The Queen of Bingo opens

at the Area Community Theatre, 907 Kilbourn Ave. in Tomah, on April 25 with a special Dinner Theater Performance right at the theatre. Saturday, April 26th's performance has been sold out to Club Timberwood. The remaining show dates are April 27, May 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10. Tickets go on sale April 7, 2014 at 608-374-SHOW (7469) and online at [www.areacommunitytheatre.org](http://www.areacommunitytheatre.org).

Contact: Barb Sullivan  
372-6608  
[barbara514@centurytel.net](mailto:barbara514@centurytel.net)

## Chess Tournament



**Date:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014

**Time:** 6:00pm—8:30pm

District One Community Center

District One Community Center is sponsoring a Chess Tournament on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 starting at 6PM.

Must be 18 and Older.

First Place:     \$75.00

Second Place: \$50.00

Third Place:    \$25.00

**Contact Melissa or Levi at 715-284-0905**

# Night of Remembrance Cancer Walk

As we hopefully get closer to warmer weather and summer time we think about Memorial Day weekend. To start off the Memorial Day weekend festivities the Ho-Chunk Cancer Support Group and Ho-Chunk Cancer Task Force has hosted the Night of Remembrance Cancer Walk for over 10 years. This year the walk will be on Friday May 23rd at the Black River Falls Pow Wow Grounds. This year the format is going to change just a little. The meal will still start at 5:00 and go until 5:45 with the Drum program going from 5:30 until 6:30, what will change is the DJ portion of the walk that usually went from

7:00pm to 10:00 pm will now go from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We invite family and friends who have been touched by cancer to come out and walk for a loved one. We have luminary bags and raffle items for sale with proceeds going to the Ho-Chunk Caner Closet, which helps cancer patients/survivors. The Cancer Task Force is also looking for survivors or family/friends of survivors (or of those who didn't survive) who are willing to give short testimonials during the walk. If you are interested contact Louise Voss or Linda DeLay at 715-284-9851. We look forward to seeing you all there.

# Share the Care Cancer Conference

It is that time of year again! It is time to start talking about the Share the Care Cancer Conference. This year the conference is going to be at the beautiful Lake of the Torches hotel and casino in Lac du Flambeau, WI. We are excited to have some very dynamic speakers this year, including, Arne Vainio, MD (Mille Lacs), Adrienne Laverdure, MD (Turtle Mountain), and Dr. Bret Benally Thompson, MD (White Earth). The Share the Care Cancer Conference provides a day and a half of community education about what is going on with cancer in the Native communities. While we are excited about the upcoming conference we regret to inform everyone interested in attending that due to reduced funding the Health Department does not have the funds to cover the cost of hotel rooms this year. If you have any questions you can call Louise Voss, Community Health Educator, 715-284-9851. If you would like a registration form please contact either Louise Voss or your local CHR.



### District One Community Center

## Elder Social

**Date:** Thursday, April 17, 2014

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Place:** District One Community Center

Come and join the fun!

Bingo

Lunch

Feel free to bring a prize

55 and Older

**Need More information?**  
**Contact Derris or Melissa at 715-284-0905**





April

Elders Birthdays

1 Marlene Hopinkah	16 Lois Behrens
Anthony Kingswan	Reginald Pettibone
Bruce Decorah	17 James Greendeer
2 Annabelle Lowe	Beverly Inman
Gregory Butterfield	Theresa Bennett
Thomas Powers	Roger Snake
3 Leroy Crow Sr.	Kenneth Whitehorse
4 Norma Greengrass	18 Ruth Decorah
6 Bernadine Tallmadge	19 Wilma Berefsky
7 Joan Jourdan	Earl Blackdeer
Jack Monegar	22 Ila Waller
Mildred Moyer	Nathaniel Cloud
8 Samuel Thundercloud	Dorothy Decorah
Frank Wilson	Sharon Ornellas
Lee Brown Jr.	23 Suzanne McComas
Albert Orozco	Ernestine Helgesen
9 Gladys Cloud	Eunice Greengrass
Martin Littlewolf Jr.	24 Betty Preece
10 Dallas Whitewing	Barbara Two Bears
Bonita Clairmont	Verna Rieder
Teala Edwards	Victoria Blackcoon
Aurelia Hopinkah	25 Frank Tudahl
Roberta Hall	Martin Falcon
11 Linda Reider	Howard Walker Jr
Raymond Cabasos	Roger Allen
Denise Ullrich	26 Sandra Sliwicki
Annette Littlewolf	Jacob Lonetree
Spencer Lonetree	Inez Lizotte
13 Bonnie Tech	28 John Smith
14 Leona Mc Kee	Duane Turner
15 Roger Pettibone	29 Bartola Enright
Charity Thunder	30 Samelia Pettibone
Gary Whitewing	

On the Road!

College Readiness Workshop

Upcoming Events:

• La Crosse

Branch Office

April 16th, 4pm-6pm

• Black River Falls– TOB

Legislative Conference Room

April 23rd, 4pm-6pm

• Wittenberg

Community Center

May 21st, 4pm-6pm

More Areas and Dates To Be Announced for late summer!

(Dates and Locations subject to change)

Don't miss this opportunity to:

• learn about the financial & academic resources available to you through the Ho-Chunk Nation;

• enjoy some food and refreshments;

• receive time management tips;

• meet a few of our Higher Education Advisors; and

• discover what to expect as you begin earning your College Degree!

Check out our

Facebook Page for updates!

For more information or to **RSVP** email: **EDUCATIONADVISORS@HO-CHUNK.COM**

ROCK THE WALK

2014

APRIL IS

Sexual Assault

Awareness Month

Show you support in the fight to end sexual violence!

Walk anytime between the hours of 9:30 A.M. — 2:30 P.M.

Wittenberg	April 4, 2014	Youth Learning Center
Baraboo	April 25, 2014	House of Wellness
Black River Falls	April 30, 2014	Tribal Office Building

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Domestic Abuse Division  
CRISIS HOTLINE: (877) 847-8689

Ho-Chunk Legislature

seeking candidates to fill two positions

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Legislature is seeking applications to fill the following:

Legislative Chief Clerk

Legislative Office Clerk

These positions require a high degree of confidentiality and thorough knowledge of the legislative organization and processes of the Ho-Chunk Nation

The Chief Clerk must have a Bachelor's Degree

The Office Clerk must have a HSD or equivalent

Qualifications for Chief Clerk:

Demonstrated ability to administer. Demonstrated ability to provide consultation to legislators on complex procedural matters, budgetary and personnel matters, and matters impacting the institution of the Legislature. Bachelor's degree and two (2) years of administrative/legislative experience or equivalent combination of training and experience. Adherence to the Nations laws and policies and shall be subject to a background investigation as a condition of employment. Able to maintain confidentiality and professional demeanor under all work circumstances. Valid driver's license, dependable transportation and proper insurance.

Qualifications for Office Clerk:

HSD or equivalent plus a minimum of two (2) years' experience in an office setting. Knowledge of structure, organization, history of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and its government. Knowledge of telephone procedures and very good telephone courtesy. Must be able to lift 35-60 lbs. Must pass a background check.

For more information, please contact

Representative Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit

@ kathy.whiterabbit@ho-chunk.com

or (715) 284-9343

Applications will be accepted by the

Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Personnel

PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615

PART-TIME AIAA ADVOCATE

JOB POSTING

With a grant from the Dept. of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, American Indians Against Abuse (AIAA), and Wisconsin Judicare have partnered on a project to provide holistic legal services to income-eligible Native American victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the 11 tribes in Wisconsin. This position is housed at the AIAA office in Hayward, WI. The advocate will be responsible for outreach, client screening, and other project duties as assigned -- 26 hours per week. Qualified applicants will have at least an Associate's Degree in a related field, experience working with victims of abuse, and specialized knowledge of tribal cultures and communities. Apply by submitting a cover letter and resume to Wisconsin Judicare, Attn: Mary Jo Nyenhuis, P.O. Box 6100, Wausau, WI 54402-6100, or by email to [info@judicare.org](mailto:info@judicare.org).  
Deadline: 4/4/14 AA/EEO.



***From the desk of the Treasurer...***

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking two (2) qualified candidates to serve as Committee members responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments. These vacancies are due to resignations and would serve the remaining four (4) years of the original six (6) year terms.

There will also be an additional two (2) current Committee member terms that will expire in the fall of 2014. According to the Trust & Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011, such vacancies require an election to be held in accordance with the Nation's Election Code.

To be eligible for this Committee, an enrolled member needs to have one of the following: (1) either an associate or Bachelor degree in accounting, business, or finance, (2) CPA or CFA designation, (3) financial professional certification in any of the following: CFP, CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, PFS, or (4) five years' experience managing investments on another's behalf.

Regular meetings are held the third Thursday of every month. Meetings are typically conducted by conference call-in rather than by personal attendance. The meetings are open to the public pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation's Open Meetings Act.

All interested parties to fill current vacancies should submit a letter of interest and a resume to: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer, Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department, P.O. Box 640, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Fall Trust & Investment Committee member election information will be forthcoming.

Sponsored by: the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services  
**Domestic Abuse Division**  
 &  
**Child & Family Services Division**



# La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention Initiative

## Dance for Hope

### Raises Awareness and Hope

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

Get ready, a 5 . . . 6 . . . 7 . . . 8 – dance counts could be heard throughout La Crosse’s Concordia Ballroom, March 22. Dance entertainment and instruction was offered by local dance groups and other dance professionals from the La Crosse area. This event took place not only for fun, exercise and entertainment, but was also emotionally supportive and educational. Dance for Hope promoted awareness and hope for those who have had close family, friends or acquaintances in some way touched, by the tragedy of suicide. The free event began at 1:00 p.m. and kept everyone tapping their toes, along with freely moving their bodies until 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening.

According to event coordinator, Tim Blumentritt, “When organizing this event, I envisioned diversity and I wanted a variety of input from different groups.” He mentioned Ho-Chunk, La Crosse Youth Center Director, Henry Greengrass and Black River Falls Youth Services teacher, Arielle Hall both had an important part in helping with Dance for Hope. They added to the fun and smooth production of the event through their commitment and support.

Greengrass coordinated the Ho-Chunk Dancers as volunteers during the day, and the dancers performed as well. Henry Greengrass has been an important advocate for past Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summits held in the La Crosse area.

Participants exhibiting their best dance moves and support included: Ho-Chunk Youth Services, Mong Community Center Dancers, Mixers, La Crosse Dance Centre, Y Dancers, Zumba, Click’n & Grin’n Cloggers, and Saharah Dancers (a favorite Belly



**La Crosse Youth Center Director Henry Greengrass and his daughter Isis volunteer for Dance for Hope.**

dance troupe, featured several months ago at Youth Services - La Crosse Center.)

People of all ages participated, gaining flexibility and cardiovascular fitness, while enjoying educational, mental health-support through the art of dance. Clogging, presented by the Click’n & Grin’n Cloggers, is a style of dance originally introduced by the Irish, was the most percussive, syncopated style of dance presented during the program. Zumba, one of the more updated, well-known styles of choreographed movement was featured at Dance for Hope. Using a combination of varied dance styles from all over the world, Zumba may include Latin, Hip-hop, Jazz and Belly Dance components to inspire and motivate even the most apprehensive dancer. Zumba catches one’s “heartbeat,” motivating and inspiring dancers by its familiar, rhythmic music. Event participants really “got moving” with Zumba dance combinations.

Raffles and door prizes were available, adding even more fun and variety to the activities enjoyed by participants. Display tables set-up by area sponsors and agencies, provided important information about the many



**Dynamic dance moves by Ho-Chunk Fancy Dancers.**

resources in the community regarding suicide awareness and prevention. Donations were accepted at the door and throughout the event, with all proceeds going directly to the La Crosse Prevention Initiative. Dance for Hope was a successful effort building awareness, support and strengthening community members’ hope and awareness to save lives!!

The goals of the La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention Initiative are as follows:

1. To educate: Educate the community that suicide is a preventable public health problem. We are able to educate through public awareness events, maintaining our website and providing written information at educational events.
2. To advocate: We support current efforts to create and establish legislation for



**Saharah Belly Dancers take a break from their undulating, exotic moves.**

mental health insurance parity suicide prevention.

If you are in crisis and need immediate help, call 911.

Website: <http://www.la-crossesuicideprevention.org/>



**La Crosse Dance Centre dancers boogie-down to the music at Dance for Hope.**

The Ho-Chunk Nation  
Division of Natural  
Resources will be giving out  
1lb. bag of shelled Indian  
corn to tribal members  
beginning April 15<sup>th</sup> - May  
31<sup>st</sup> in the DNR Office  
located at the Tribal Office  
Building.

(\*Limit 1 bag per tribal member)

## THUNDERCLOUD YOUTH GOLF ACADEMY

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Lessons will be given to those that are interested in learning the game of golf. There will be specific criteria that must be met to receive a scholarship.

**Available scholarships to include:**

- Custom golf clubs
- Golf bag
- Shoes
- Golf balls and tees
- Rounds of golf / tournaments

The academy will teach you golf techniques as well as etiquette, sportsmanship and patience.

For more information please contact Quentin or Andy at:

Andy  
Thundercloud  
Phone: 608-387-2640  
[ndngolfguy@netscape.net](mailto:ndngolfguy@netscape.net)

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Tomah, WI 54660  
Phone: 608-372-9558  
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